GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2054
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001
CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects in the country particularly Orissa are pending for environmental and forest clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to accord early clearance to these pending projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Only 11 power projects are awaiting environmental clearance as on 28th November, 2001. Similarly, only two major power projects (involving forest land of more than 20 ha) are awaiting forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. No power project of Orissa is pending for environmental or forestry clearance. A State-wise list of the pending power projects along with the reasons for their pendency is given in the annexure.

(c) For expeditious environmental and forestry clearance of development projects including power projects, various steps have been taken which, inter-alia, include streamlining of procedure, frequent meetings of Expert Committees and finalisation ofdecision within 90 days of receipt of complete information.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred QuestionNumber 2054 regarding Clearance to Power Projects by Shri K.P. Singh Deo.

List of pending power projects as on 28.11.2001

(a) Environmental Clearance

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Status
	GUJARAT	
1.	2x250 M.W Imported Coal Based Thermal Power Plant near Village Zarpara, Taluka Mundra, District Kutch of M/s Gujarat Power Corporation Limited	Based on the information submitted by project authorities, the proposal would be considered in the next meeting of the Expert Committee for Thermal Power projects.
	KARNATAKA	
2.	20 MW Mahatma Gandhi Hydro Electric Tail Race Project, District Shimoga of M/s Ambuthirtha Power Pvt. Ltd.	Expert Committee for River Valley Projects has recommended environmental clearance.
	MADHYA PRADESH	
3.	500MW Sanjay Gandhi TPS extension at Barsinghpur Pali, Distt Umaria of Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board.	Additional details sought are still awaited from project authorities.

MAHARASHTRA

4.	10 MW Kumbhe Hydroelectric Project in Distt. Raigarh of Department of Irrigation, Government of Maharashtra	Certain clarifications are awaited from project authorities.
5.	15 MW Kal Hydroelectric Project in Raigarh District of Department of Irrigation, Government of Maharashtra	Supplementary information is awaited from project authorities.

TAMIL NADU

6.	1886 MW TN LNG Power Plant at Ennore, North Chennai of M/s TN LNG & Power Company (Pvt.) Limited.	Additional details sought are awaited from project authorities.
7.	35.5 MW D.G.Power Plant at Kothapalem village, Chittoor Distt. of M/S Pioneer Energy Corporation Ltd	At the request of project authorities, discussion on the project was deferred.
8.	100 MW Gas based Valuthur power project at Valathur, Ramanathapuram Distt of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.	Revised Environmental Impact Assessment Report is awaited from the project authorities.
9	100 MW Cogeneration Power Plant at Ennore, Ponneri Taluka, Thiruvallur district of M/s Venkatesh Coke & Power Limited	Supplementary details sought are awaited from the project authorities.
10	500 MW Lignite Thermal Power Plant, Stage-II Expansion Project at Neyveli Thermal Power Station, Cuddalore of M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited	Supplementary information sought is awaited from project authorities.

TRIPURA

11	500 MW Gas based Combined Cycle Power Plant near Monachak, West Tripura District of M/s North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited	Supplementary information sought is awaited from project authorities.

(b) Forestry Clearance

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Status

HIMACHAL PRADESH

1.	66 MW Kashang Hydro Electric Project of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board	Under active consideration.

KERALA

2. 50 MW Kakkadu Hydro Electric Project of Kerala State Electricity Board.		Essential information from the State Government awaited.